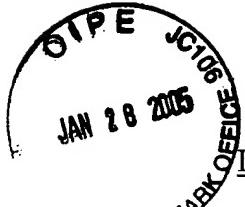


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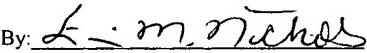


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Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated December 2, 2004, please consider the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2, amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning at page 3, and the Remarks begin on page 10.